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METHOD, REMUNERATION  
CALCULATING APPARATUS, AND  
COMPUTER MEMORY PRODUCT

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-25, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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